

Honolulu Letter.

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tions, so there was no chance to win laurels they might have needed. And, do you know, I am not sure that Perley Horne was altogether in the wrong when he cast aspersions on the character of some soldiers. Do not understand me as implying that the boys in khaki have been guilty of crimes such as the Chinese was punished for a few months ago. But for some of them to hold their heads up high, as being free from the charge of indifference to the honor of women, is going it a bit too much. The good must suffer with the bad for they cannot escape.

The other night a young girl and her father rode near me in a car going from the direction of Fort Ruger. Opposite sat two young soldiers. Apparently they were interested in a conversation in which they were engaged, and I noticed the young girl was all attention to something her father was telling her. At all events she did not once glance in the direction of the soldiers but when she was leaving the car with her father one of the khaki garbed men said in cheeky tones "Good night." There was no notice taken of it, presumably because the girl did not realize it was intended for her until she passed near them on the street when both leaned far out of the car to smirk at her.

Such actions are worthy of hoodlums, but I do not expect it from a class of men of which but twenty-seven per cent reach the commissary department for their mess after enlistment. When I see women insulted, and hear of young girls treated as the one at Wahiawa, I ask myself what sort of breed can the seventy-three per cent be who were chosen.

PACHECO FOAMS.

The news reaching here that President Elect Wilson is to have a government free from political prestige has made even friend Pacheco foam at the mouth. Naturally the push in Honolulu believe the country is going to the bow-wows because only democrats are not put on guard. It looks good to me for I am of the opinion that efficiency is to have an inning in Washington. It is a fortunate thing for the people of this county that there are men on the board of supervisors who think more of the taxpayers than of job chasers, and who are going to try and give an honest administration regardless of the fact that some aspirants to office may shiver in the cold in consequence.

FERN'S AUTO.

I do not know why the board took away the five-seater auto from the mayor and gave him a little runabout in exchange. It is strange to me it was not considered necessary by the previous board of supervisors, for it appeared as extravagance to the average citizen during the two years in which the machine was used as a family carry-all, and a means of carrying the bunch to luau on the other side of the island and regularly every Sunday. Fern sure made the best of a good thing, and he pushed his luck to the limit. Ordinarily, he is a fair good fellow, but not blessed with an over plus of energy or grey matter. There is no denying the fact that he is quite up to the average in point of intelligence, if the selection for mayor is to be made from among the people of his class.

THEATERS.

As everyone prophesied, Magoon has the full ownership of the Consolidated amusement company, having purchased the interest of the Chinese lui which were broke by the thefts and mismanagement of the fellow Chong. If he could have swung the scheme as he expected, and carried along his film exchange here, he would have been a winner at the rate of five hundred a week, but Magoon rather forced matters and made an agreement, which was never signed, to take films from his company on condition that he buy control of the Amusement Company. Chong

would have come through all right. But Magoon got control first and then—but that is another story. It is not thought probable that Chong will be brought back, and I have a hunch that Lightfoot went over to him to get his signature to documents rather than aid him in fighting extradition. I asked the attorney on his return if he thought Chong would be returned, and his answer did not convince me of his deep interest, but rather a lack of it, in the case.

MANY TOURISTS.

The city is filling up with tourists, and business seems to be picking up among the retail stores. One sees on the streets faces that appear spasmodically during the year as an evidence that the place is a good one to spend the winter in. The S. S. Cleveland is here with ever so many tourists who will spend the day with us. Bonine is to show his great volcano pictures at the new Popular theater, on Hotel street, next the Young, and Ernest Kaai and his troupe of trapeze artists will occupy the stage at the Opera House. As to the latter, the ticket sale began at nine this morning, and by four in the afternoon, I am informed, the place was sold out except for a hundred seats left for the Clevelanders. Kaai generally fills the house, and he tells me that on this occasion there is no free list except to members of the press, and their seats have been apportioned. A suggestion was made to Kaai that Duke, who belongs to his club, be billed as an attraction. But Ernest said it would not be necessary the house would be filled anyhow. I think it is his intention to take Duke on a tour of the world.

GREAT CARNIVAL.

Arrangements are well in hand for the carnival next month, and athletics will be numerous on the program. There will be a half dozen swimming events, among them a fifty, and hundred yard dash, for girls. Last September during regatta day the greatest attraction was the girls swimming contest which was pulled off in front of the Myrtle club house. I understand teams of swimmers, as well as of athletics, are being formed in the schools and there will be a tryout before the February event to determine who shall go in the contest which will be under A. A. U. rules so the records, whatever they may be, will be official. Also the result of the races will determine who shall enter for the annual A. A. U. events in June. Better have Maui represented in the races; you have the material there that may capture the prize, and will, if all I hear is true.

OUTDOOR CIRCLE.

If you want to enjoy a novelty, get the ladies in Wailuku to organize an "Outdoor Circle" and begin planting trees for decorative rather than shade purposes. Our circle is doing some commendable work along these lines but feel what a time they are having among themselves. For instance: There is a color scheme that dominates all other considerations, and the plan is to put pink showers on pink tea streets and red poincianas on streets where husbands look upon the wine when it is red. Everything must be harmonious. But the circle has run against a snag where a locality has been nourishing poincianas and poinsettias for ten years, and the new scheme contemplates pink or yellow for that particular locality. One lady whose trees show magnificent growth demurs at having them uprooted because they will not harmonize with the trees which the circle is desirous of planting. If the thing continues, society women will have to have their gowns made of materials in shades that will harmonize with the foliage on the street.

All the same, the improvements which have already taken place are noticeable, and everyone with an idea of art is anxious that the circle continues its good work. Just now there is an objection from some of the members of the Board of Supervisors, because of the construction

of a plaza at the intersection of Lunalilo and Alapai streets. Whether the board will insist upon it being torn up, has not been decided but as it is at the gateway to Punchbowl it is not believed Pacheco will object. The opposition is led by a few disgruntled chauffeurs who, on occasions, cannot see the curbings.

New Library Books.

The following books, asked for by members, have arrived this week and are ready for distribution: Duruy's, "History of France;" Shuster's "The Strangling of Persia;" Bryce's "South America Observations and Impressions;" O. Henry's, "Sixes and Sevens;" Read's, "Last Cruise of the Saginaw;" Gene Stratton, "Porter's Moths of the Limberlost;" Schaufeler's, "The Goodly Fellowship;" Thomson's "Life, Death and Immortality;" Richard Washburn Child's, "The Blue Wall;" Rauschenbusch's, "Christianizing the Social Order (given by the Maui Aid Association.)"

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Not Worrying On Mainland

Judge Kingsbury Returns From Trip
To Coast—Wilson Considered
Safe Man.

"It was bitterly cold all the time I was away on the mainland" said Judge Kingsbury to a reporter the other day. The judge is already picking up again, and is getting rid of the severe cold that attacked him while on the mainland. He hopes to soon be alright again and is setting down in Wailuku once more. "I made a flying trip of it," continued the Judge, "and after travelling to San Francisco on the Transport 'Logan,' I went to Los Angeles to see some of my family. Then I proceeded to New York, which place I reached on Christmas Eve. I spent Christmas day in the big city and ten inches of snow fell that day. It was very cold and I soon found that I had a bad cough that needed to be taken care of. I returned to San Francisco and then,

after a visit to Los Angeles, I made the trip to Pasadena to see the great floral parade. It was a beautiful sight and the flowers used to decorate cars and floats were all real. The town was overflowing with visitors from all parts of California, and the streets were crowded all day. Tens of thousands of people sat on their lawns and watched the parade. The weather was like that of Hawaii, and the parade was well worth going a long way to see.

From Los Angeles I returned to San Francisco only to find my cold much worse, and to hear that there was a chance of pneumonia. I went to bed and had a doctor twice a day."

Judge Kingsbury reports that on the mainland there is no sign of worry on account of the coming change in the national administration. The Judge states that people recognize that Wilson is a safe man and that the President-Elect knows that the republicans put him in office. It was by no means a clear democratic victory, as the republican vote was split.

"I am glad to be back," concluded the Judge, "this climate is beautiful."

Eight Men to Each Team

There is a general opinion that there should at least be four teams belonging to each tennis club to enter the proposed league tournament. Eight players from each club would go up against a similar number from the other clubs.

It is also proposed that one week—Saturday to Saturday—be allowed for the playing of each match. This is to safeguard a team that, through stress of work, might not be able to get all its men out on the courts on one Saturday. With two Saturdays and the afternoons between devoted to each match, there should be no trouble.

The league scheme is taking hold, and it is to be hoped that Wailuku will send out eight players to go up against the rest of the racket wielders of Maui.

J. B. McSwanson, representing the Paradise of the Pacific, was in town during the week.